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San Ysidro Community Center designates special day for passport processing

San Ysidro, CA...The San Ysidro Community Center is one of 6 area facilities that provide a variety of City and community-focused services to patrons in a personalized manner to enhance the neighborhood's quality of life. At this particular location, Councilmember Ben Hueso holds special office hours each Friday morning to meet and personally speak with area constituents about issues affecting their communities. Councilmember Hueso recognizes the importance of reaching out and serving District 8 citizens. Many City services are offered at the San Ysidro Community Center and one of these is passport processing.

Are you an American citizen planning to travel abroad? With the recent passage of new border crossing regulations, U.S. citizens are now required to present a valid passport upon entering the United States by air. By as early as January 1, 2008, these regulations will apply to citizens traveling by land or sea.

The San Ysidro Community Service Center located at 663 E. San Ysidro Blvd. is normally open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. On Fridays the center operates from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This Saturday, February 10th, this facility will be holding special office hours **from 9 am to 5 pm** to assist area constituents with their passport needs. Bilingual volunteers will be on-hand to assist candidates with completing application forms. No appointment is necessary and patrons will be attended to on a first come, first serve basis.

At this event, passport agents will be able to process applications for individuals who have never been issued a U.S. Passport; whose latest passport was issued more than 15 years ago; whose valid passport has been lost or stolen; or whose most recent passport was issued when the applicant was under 16 years of age. Passport renewal applications will also be available.

Interested parties are asked to bring proof of citizenship such as an original birth certificate (no abstracts) or an original naturalization certificate and proof of identity such as a current

driver's license or other official identification. Passport applications for children under the age of 14 years require both parents to be present except under special circumstances.

Once the application is completed passports are processed and mailed to the applicant within four to six weeks. The cost for an adult passport is \$97 (\$67 made payable to the U.S. Department of State and \$30 made payable to City Treasurer) and for children under 16 years of age the cost is \$82 (\$52 made payable to the U.S. Department of State and \$30 made payable to City Treasurer) – payments will only be accepted in the form of checks or money orders. For an additional \$60 fee, ones application can be expedited and the passport processed within two weeks. Lastly, passport photos are available for purchase at the San Ysidro Community Service Center at the cost of \$10.

For more information about this special event, please call the San Ysidro Community Center at (619) 424-0230.

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